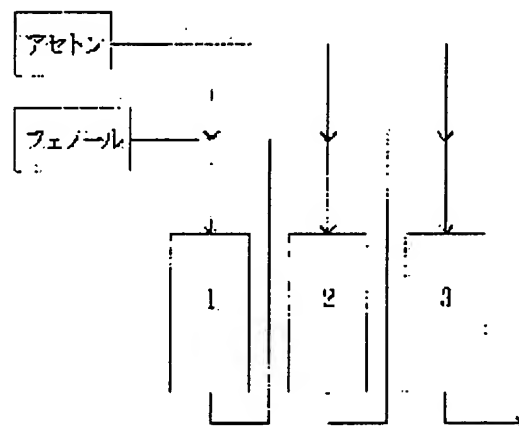


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**IWAHARA MASAHIRO****(54) METHOD FOR PRODUCING BISPHENOL A**

(57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide a method for producing bisphenol A by which the life of an acidic cation exchange resin used as a catalyst can be prolonged.**SOLUTION:** This method for producing the bisphenol A comprises continuously feeding phenol and acetone to a reactor having at least two reactional zones connected in series. In the method for producing the bisphenol A, the acidic cation exchange resin in which 15-50% of acid centers are partially neutralized with a sulfur-containing nitrogen compound is used as a catalyst. Acetone at  $\leq 3,000$  ppm methanol concentration is divided into at least the two reactional zones and fed thereto.**LEGAL STATUS**

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